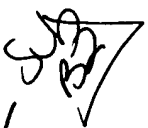
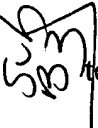


A1  determining whether the billing information is present within a first database;
in the event that the billing information is present in the first database, placing the
telephone call;
otherwise, informing the caller that the telephone call may not be placed;
determining whether the telephone number corresponding to the pay telephone is present
in a second database; and
in the event the telephone number corresponding to the pay telephone is present in the
second database, charging a set activation fee to the caller at the termination of the telephone
call.

 18. A method for charging a set activation fee for a telephone call directed to a called
telephone number, comprising:
generating a false dial tone;
receiving the called telephone number and billing information;
maintaining the false dial tone;
determining whether the billing information is valid;
if the billing information is valid, then releasing the false dial tone;
seizing a true dial tone;
placing the telephone call to the called telephone number; and
charging the set activation fee for the telephone call.
